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Price, \$2 per Month.

Intimations.

A. S. WATSON & Co., Limited,
(ESTABLISHED A.D. 1841.)

THE HONGKONG DISPENSARY,
HONGKONG.

Wholesale and Retail Druggists.
ANALYTICAL.
FAMILY DISPENSING AND
GENERAL CHEMISTS.
PATENT MEDICINE PROPRIETORS.
SEBASTIAN.
WINE AND SPIRIT MERCHANTS.
MANUFACTURERS OF AERATED
WATERS.
By Special Machinery.
CIGAR IMPORTERS, &c., &c.

In submitting an abridged Synopsis of a few
of the chief lines of goods included in our busi-
ness, we beg to state that we import Drugs,
Chemicals, and Goods of every kind of the best
description only—no other quality is kept in
stock.

Our long experience and intimate acquaint-
ance with the Trade, and the best sources of
supply, enable us to purchase direct from the
Producers on the very best terms, and thus give
our customers the benefit of a considerable reduc-
tion in the prices of all our Specialties as com-
pared with similar articles sold elsewhere.

We wish it to be clearly understood that
our prices cannot be beaten by any other firm
in the Colony, and we trust it will soon be
generally known that quality for quality,
our charges are as low as those of any other
house with local rates, and in most instances with
those ruling at home.

Experienced qualified English Assistants
only are employed in the preparation and
dispensing of Medicines.

Analysis of all kinds—We are in a position
to well attend to the interests of our Clients.

FAMILY & DOMESTIC MEDICINES,
AND OTHER GOODS AND APPLIANCES.
KEPT IN STOCK.

NURSERY AND INVALIDS' REQUISITES.

Infants' Feeding Bottles, Dito Brushes
and Teats, Food Warmers, Lamps, and
Night Lights.
Invalids' Feeding Cups and Tubes.
Breast Believers, Nipple Shields, Violet
Powder, Puff Boxes, and Puffs.
Infants' Food of all kinds.
Bran's Essence of Beef, Mutton, Chicken,
Veal, &c., &c.
Lieber's Extract of Beef.
Valentine's Meat Juice.
Condensed Milk, Corn Flour, Bermuda
Arrowroot, Russian Isinglass, Prepared
Gelatine, Genuin Mustard, &c.

MEDICAL AND DOMESTIC APPLIANCES, &c.

Cholera Belts, Metal and Earthenware
Bed Pans, Disinfectants and Medicated
Toilet Papers, Fumigating Pastilles, Va-
porizers, &c., &c.
Scott's Sanitary Towels for Ladies' use.

Ear and Earthen Syringes, Bougies, Ca-
theters, Pessaries, Trusses, Elastic Silk
Stockings, Knee Caps, Ankle, Wrist-
lets, and Bandages of all kinds.
Urethra, Male or Female, in Glass,
Earthenware, and India Rubber.
Water-proof Sheeting.

Ice Bags for Head and Spine.
Bronchitis Kettles, Hot Water Bottles.
Chest and Lung Protectors.
Adhesive Plaster, Court Plaster, Dito,
Corn and Bunion Plasters.
Lint, Oiled Silk, Gutta Serena Tissue,
Japanese Hot Boxes, Air Cushions,
Mustard Leaves, Spongio Pillae,
Lined Malt for Poultices, Politizer
Bugs, &c., &c.

Minim Measures, Medicine Glasses and
Spoons, Champagne and Soda Water Taps,
Siphonizers, &c., &c.

Eye Baths, Droppers and Douche,
Throat Sprays, Inhalers and Exhalators,
Stethoscopes, Hypodermic Syringes.

THERMOMETERS, &c.

Chemical, Clinical, and Bath Thermome-
ters.
Six's Minimum and Maximum Thermo-
meters, Alcoholometers, Barometers,
Galvanometers, Hydrometers, Lactometers,
Urinometers, Specific Gravity Bottles,
Flasks, Test Tubes, Test Papers, &c., &c.

SUN SPECTACLES AND GOGGLES
with Blue, Green, and Smoked Glasses, Eye
Br. covers and Shades of all kinds.

DENTAL AND SURGICAL INSTRUMENTS.

Ear Cornets, and Trampets, Contraction
Tubes, Corn Knives and Rubbers,
Gum Hair-Pencils, Ligatures, Goggles, Silver
Wires, Precision Knives and Scalpels,
Pocket Dressing Cases and Instruments,
Probes, Respirators, Dispensing Scales
and Weights.

MEDICINE CHESTS.

Medicine Chests for family and travellers' use.
Ships' Medicine Chests fitted in accor-
dance with the regulations of the Board of
Trade.

Medicine Chests refitted complete at a
few hours' notice.

Medicine Chests. Guides containing a list
of useful Domestic Medicines with their
Properties and Doses.

ELECTRIC APPLIANCES.

Magneto-Electric Machines for the Cure
of Nervous Diseases, Neuralgia, Rheuma-
tism, &c.
Electric Hair Brushes for preventing
baldness.

Electrostatic Belts for Dyspepsia, Rheu-
matism, Lumbago, &c.
Electric Bells, Batteries, Pushes, In-
dicator, Wire, and appliances generally.

HOMOEOPATHIC MEDICINES.

We always have on hand a varied assort-
ment of these kinds in most general de-
mand.

VACCINE.

We import regular supplies of Pure
Fresh Calf Lymph by every Mail from
England.

Vaccine Lymphs and Vaccination Shields,
Specially Selected for the use of the
Colonies.

WATER FILTERS.
Specially Selected for the use of the
Colonies.

Intimations.

TOILET REQUISITES.
JOSPH R. & Sons' "SHEPHERD"
Razors, Scissors, and Penknives.
Razor Strops, Paste, and Paper.
Ear, Tooth, and Nail Picks and Trim-
mers.
Hand Mirrors, Toilet Sets.
Shampooing Bottles of all kinds.
Glove, and Patent Drying Bottles.
Dressing Combs.
Hair, Tooth, Nail, Bath, and Shaving
Brushes in great variety.
Cosmetics, Hair Lotions and Pomades.
Tooth Pastes, Powders, and Soaps.
Turkish Bath Towels, and Straps, Loofahs.
Fine Turkey Soap and Honey Comb.
Bath and Toilet Sponges of all sizes.
Fine English Cut-glass Toilet Bottles and
Perfume Spray Diffusers. An Elegant
Assortment of various designs.

CHOICE PERFUMERY.
English, French, and American.
A large selection of all kinds kept in
stock to choose from.

SOAPS.
Family, Toilet, Medicated, and Trans-
parent.

In addition to those of our own make, all
of which we can confidently recommend,
we keep a large and varied assortment of
the following well-known makes, viz.:—
Atkinson's, Calvert's, Colgate's, Men-
drie's, Lubin's, Par's, &c., &c.

GENUINE PATENT MEDICINES.
European and American Patent Medi-
cines, Specifics, and Proprietary Reme-
dies, imported direct from the Original
Makers or their appointed Agents.

Special Agents for Burroughs, Wellcome
& Co.'s New and Popular Remedies.
Kepler's Extract of Malt—Ditto with Cod
Liver Oil, Wyeth's Tablets—and Preparations
of all kinds.

Fairchild's Digestive Peptonoids, Zymine,
&c., &c.
Sole Agents for Scott's Emulsion of Cod
Liver Oil.

MINERAL WATERS OF ALL KINDS.
Apoloniaris, Carlsbad, Esclapart, Fried-
richshall, Hunyadi Janos, Pullna, Vals,
Vichy, &c.

We import direct shipments of all the
above regularly at short intervals.

PHOTOGRAPHIC GOODS.
Photographic Apparatus, Chemicals, and
Materials of all kinds suitable for Amateurs
and Professionals, including Cameras,
Lenses, Baths, Trays, Lamps, Mounts, &c.

Our Cameras and Lenses are of Ex-
ceptional quality, specially made for use
in tropical climates and fitted with all the
latest improvements.

CHEAP SETS OF APPARATUS FOR AMATEURS
AND TRAVELLERS. Three sizes, viz.: 1, 2,
and 3, complete in strong Wood
Cabinets.

PHOTO CHEMICALS AND SUPPLIES of all
kinds at Moderate Prices.
Alumens and Sensitized Papers.
Thomas' Collodion and Iodizer.
Dry Plates, Thomas', Hford, and Wrot-
ton's, and Waterweights' kept in Stock.
Price list of Photo. goods supplied gratis
and post free on application.

FLOWER & VEGETABLE SEEDS.
We import the newest and best varieties
obtainable every year direct from the best
growers in England, France, and Germany.
Full Catalogue and price list (with "Hints
for Gardening") to be had on application.

AERATED WATERS.
Our Factory has been recently refitted
with automatic Steam Machinery of the
latest and most approved kind, and we are
well able to compete in quality with the
best English Makers.

The purest ingredients only are used, and
the strictest care and cleanliness are exer-
cised in the manufacture throughout.

For Coast Ports—Waters are packed
and placed on board ship at Hongkong
free of charge, and the full amount allowed for
Packages & Empties when received in good
order.

Analytical Reports and full particulars
to be had on application.

WINES AND SPIRITS.
We import attention to our fine old landed
Brands, all of which are of excellent quality
and good value for the money.

The same being specially selected by our
London House, and bought direct from
the most noted Shippers, are imported
in wood and bottled by ourselves, thus
enabling us to supply the best goods at
moderate prices.

Price list to be had on application.

MANILA CIGARS AND CHEROOTS.
A carefully-selected and well-matured
stock of most of the best makes and our
own special brands always on hand.

We can deliver boxes 1000 or more to
any address in England, duty and all ex-
penses paid.

CIGARETTES.
We import direct shipments of the follow-
ing favourite Brands regularly at short in-
tervals.

Sweet Caporal, Richmond Gem, and Old
Judge.

TOBACCO.
IN TINS AND PACKETS.
Pipes, Cigar and Cigarette Tubes, Cigar
and Cigarette Cases, Pouches, Cigarette
Machines, and all sorts of a varied assortment of
Smokers' Requisites.

Whenever practicable, are despatched by
first steamer leaving after receipt of order.
Most articles can now be sent by the local
Parcel Post. All retail orders of the value
of five dollars and upwards are sent freight
or postage paid.

Orders through Local Post or by Tele-
gram receive prompt attention.

Addressed Envelopes, Order Forms, and
Aerated Water Containers supplied free
on application.

A. S. WATSON & Co., Ltd.,
THE HONGKONG DISPENSARY,
HONGKONG.

BRANCH ESTABLISHMENTS.
A. S. WATSON & Co., Limited,

THE SHANGHAI PHARMACY, SHANGHAI,
24, Nankin Road.

BOTTA ISOLEA, MANILA, ESCOLA, 14,
THE CANTON DISPENSARY, CANTON,
Canton Road.

THE DISPENSARY, FOCHOW,
THE DISPENSARY, HANKOW,
THE DISPENSARY, TIENTSIN.

LONDON OFFICE,
109, Fenchurch Street, E.C.

Intimations.

GARRISON THEATRE,
HONGKONG.

"MILITARY MUMMERS."

H. J. BYRON'S COMEDY in 3 Acts, entitled:
"WEAK WOMAN,"
will be given by the above, on
THURSDAY & SATURDAY,
6th and 8th February, 1890.

To be preceded by the Farce "B. B." on
THURSDAY, and "SLAHER &
CRASHER," on SATURDAY.

Doors open at 8.30. To commence at 9 p.m.

Tickets—Reserved Seats, \$1.00 (num-
bered), and First Seats, 50 Cents, to be
obtained from Supp. Clerk J. C. Watson,
Commissariat Building.

Hongkong, February 4, 1890. 226

JURY LIST 1890.

NOTICE is hereby given that Pursuant
to the Provision of Section 4
of Ordinance No. 24 of 1889, I have this DAY
caused to be posted in the Court House, a
LIST of ALL MEN ascertained by me to be
liable to serve as JURORS.

The said List will remain so posted for
the term of one fortnight, in order that any
Person may, as the case shall be, apply by
Notice in writing to me requiring that his
Name, or the Names of some other Person
or Persons may be respectively either added
to, or struck off the said List, upon cause
duly assigned in such Notice.

EDW. J. ACKROYD,
Registrar.
Registry, Supreme Court.
Hongkong, February 1, 1890. 223

THE EAST BORNEO PLANTING
COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE OF CALL.

THE DIRECTORS having decided to make
the FINAL CALL on the SHARES in
the above Company, Notice is hereby given
that the sum of TEN DOLLARS, (\$10.)
per Share will be PAYABLE at the HONGKONG
AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION on
or before the 5th day of March, 1890.

This FINAL CALL will make the Shares
fully paid up, and all SHOPS in the hands of
unregistered Holders should be sent in
for registration.

Interest at the Rate of Twelve PER
CENT. per Annum will be chargeable on all
Calls unpaid on due date.

By Order of the Board of Directors,
CHAS. F. HARTON,
Acting Secretary.

Hongkong, February 3, 1890. 219

THE PEAK HOTEL TRADING
COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

NOTICE is hereby given that the
SECOND INSTALLMENT of \$5
(Five Dollars) per Share, on Call of Ten
Dollars per Share in the above Company,
will fall due on February 15th Next, and is
payable at the HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI
BANKING CORPORATION.

Interest at the Rate of 12 per Annum
will be chargeable on all Calls unpaid on
due date.

By Order of the Board of Directors,
J. WHEELEY,
Secretary.

Hongkong, January 14, 1890. 87

HONGKONG ICE COMPANY,
LIMITED.

THE Ninth Ordinary Annual MEETING
of SHAREHOLDERS will be held at
the Office of the Company, Pedder's
Street, on SATURDAY, the 16th February
at Noon, to receive a Statement of the
accounts of the Company to the 31st Dec.
1889, and the Report of the General Man-
agers, and to discuss any matters that may
be competently brought before the Meeting.

The Transfer BOOKS of the Company
will be CLOSED from the 5th to the 15th
Proximo, both days inclusive.

JARDINE, MATHESON & Co.,
General Managers.

Hongkong, January 31, 1890. 197

HONGKONG FIRE INSURANCE
COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE Twenty-Fifth Ordinary Annual
MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS will be held at
the Office of the Company, Pedder's
Street, on MONDAY, the 24th February
Instant, at Three o'clock in the Afternoon,
to receive a Statement of Accounts to the 31st
December, 1889, and the Report of the Gen-
eral Managers, and to elect a Consulting
Committee and Auditors.

The Transfer BOOKS of the Company
will be CLOSED from the 11th to the 24th
day of February inst., both days inclusive.

JARDINE, MATHESON & Co.,
General Managers.

Hongkong, February 1, 1890. 200

HONGKONG, CANTON AND MAOAO
STEAMBOAT COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE DIVIDEND of the Rate of 7 PER
CENT. and BONUS of 1 PER CENT. of
\$1.50 per Share, declared at the Ordinary
Half-yearly Meeting of Shareholders held
this Day, will be payable at the HONGKONG
AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION, on
and after SATURDAY, the 1st February.

SHAREHOLDERS are requested to apply at
the Office of the Company for WARRANTS.

By Order of the Board of Directors,
T. ALNOLD,
Secretary.

Hongkong, January 31, 1890. 192

Business Notices.

LANE CRAWFORD & Co.

HAVE THE HONOUR TO ANNOUNCE THE ARRIVAL OF
AN ENTIRELY NEW STOCK OF MUSICAL INSTRUMENTS,
INCLUDING—

COTTAGE PIANOS,
By COLLARD & COLLARD, from \$350 upwards. Solid Cases in Oak, Mahogany
or Ebonyed Wood.

SEMI-GRANDS,
By J. BROADWOOD & SONS and COLLARD & COLLARD, all specially con-
structed for this climate.

VIOLINS, from \$4.
Small VIOLINS for Youths, from \$4.
SPRINGS and COVERT COATS.
MANDOLINES, from \$4.
BANJOES, from \$4.
MANDOLINES.
ZITHERS.
CLARINETTS.
OBOES.
FLUTE & PICCOLOS.
CORNETS.
TROMBONES.

Also a specially selected Stock of Violin,
Guitar and Banjo Strings.

LANE CRAWFORD & Co.
Hongkong, January 31, 1890. 195

ROBERT LANG & Co.,
Tailors, Hatters, Shirtmakers and Gentlemen's Outfitters.

NEW GOODS.

ULSTERS and **INNERVES** CAPES.
CHESTERFIELD and COVERT COATS.
CRIVOT and SAMPSON SUITINGS.
RAZORS, TROUSERSINGS.
RINGS, BREECHES.
LADIES' HABITS.
LADIES' JACKETS.
LADIES' ULSTERS.
&c., &c. &c.

W. POWELL & Co.
(EX-STEAMSHIP GLENFINLAS.)
FIRST DELIVERIES.

LADIES' and CHILDREN'S WHITE STRAW HATS,
SPRING FLOWERS, FEATHERS, &c., &c.

These Goods have been manufactured for us, by special arrangement, on
the EARLIEST SPRING MODELS.

W. POWELL & Co.
VICTORIA EXCHANGE, February 1, 1890. 505

Victoria Hotel,
Praya and Queen's Road Central, Hongkong.

THIS Extensive and well-appointed Establishment, situated in one of the most central
and airy positions in the Colony and commanding a splendid view of almost
the entire harbour and within five minutes' walk of the principal Government
Offices (including the Post Office), Banks, &c., has recently been much en-
larged and improved and is now one of the principal Hotels in the place.

The ROOMS are spacious, well ventilated and have just been refurnished in a most
comfortable and handsome manner, suited to the requirements of the Far East.
The Accommodation and Service of every kind will be found to be of the best description.
An ample and varied TABLE D'HOTE is always provided and served in the spacious,
large DINING HALL.

The HOTEL also contains handsome and comfortable Reception, Reading, Billiard
and Smoking Rooms.

The HOTEL is unsurpassed for comfort, convenience and quick service.
Continental languages are spoken.

Messrs. DORABJEE & HING KEE,
Proprietors.

Hongkong, September 16, 1888. 1612

Intimations.

HONGKONG RIFLE ASSOCIATION.

THE KWONG KWAN YEN CHAL-
LENGE CUPS—Value \$200 and
\$100 respectively. Also TWO CONSOLA-
TION CUPS, value \$100 each.

The 1st STAGE of the SIXTH COMPETI-
TION will take place NEXT SATURDAY,
the 8th Instant, at 2.15 p.m., commencing
at 300 Yards. Entrance Fee, \$200 Cents.
A Launch will leave the P. & O. Wharf at
2 p.m. to take over intending Competitors.

The Second Stage will be shot off on
Saturday, the 16th Instant.

A. SHELTON HOOPER,
Hon. Secretary.

Hongkong, February 3, 1890. 221

THE HONGKONG MARINA, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

NOTICE is hereby given that a SECOND
CALL of ONE DOLLAR per Share
in the above Company is due on the 16th
day of February next, and is payable at
the CHARTERED BANK OF INDIA, AUSTRALIA
& CHINA.

Interest at the Rate of Twelve PER
CENT. per Annum will be charged on All
Calls unpaid on the due date.

By Order of the Board of Directors,
J. A. BARRETT,
Secretary.

Hongkong, January 30, 1890. 182

THE SHAMSHEN HOTEL AND LAND
COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

NOTICE is hereby given that a THIRD
CALL of FIVE DOLLARS per Share
in the above Company is due on the 15th
day of February next, and is payable at
the CHARTERED BANK OF INDIA, AUSTRALIA
& CHINA.

Interest at the Rate of Twelve PER
CENT. per Annum will be charged on All
Calls unpaid on the due date.

By Order of the Board of Directors,
J. A. BARRETT,
Secretary.

Hongkong, January 30, 1890. 183

THE CHINA FIRE INSURANCE
COMPANY, LIMITED.

THE Twenty-Fifth Ordinary MEETING
of SHAREHOLDERS in the Com-
pany will be held at the Company's Office,
No. 5, Queen's Road, Victoria, on MON-
DAY, the 24th February next, at 12
o'clock Noon, for the purpose of
receiving a Statement of Accounts, and
the Report of the Directors for the year
ended 31st December, 1889.

The Transfer BOOKS of the Company
will be CLOSED from the 11th to the 24th
Instant, both days inclusive.

By Order,
GEO. L. TOMLIN,
Acting Secretary.

Hongkong, February 1, 1890. 201

HONGKONG AND WHAMPOA DOCK
COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE Ordinary Yearly MEETING of
SHAREHOLDERS will be held in
the Offices of the Company, No. 14,
Praya Central, on MONDAY, the 24th
Inst., at 3 o'clock Afternoon, for the pur-
pose of receiving the Report of the
Directors, and Statement of Accounts to
31st December, 1889.

The Transfer BOOKS of the Company
will be CLOSED from the 10th to the 21st
Instant, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors,
DAVID GILLIES,
Secretary.

Hongkong, February 1, 1890. 190

Banks.

NOTICE.
RULES OF THE HONGKONG
SAVINGS' BANK.

The business of the above Bank will
be conducted by the Hongkong and
Shanghai Banking Corporation, on their
premises in Hongkong. Business hours
on week-days, 10 to 3; Saturdays, 10
to 1.

Sum less than \$1. or more than \$250
at one time will not be received. No
depositor may deposit more than \$2,500
in any one year.

Depositors in the Savings' Bank having
\$100 or more at their credit may at
their option transfer the same to the
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if she reduces her tariff to 81 a word, she may make that competition very effective. Speaking of Li Hong Chang leads us to consider the character of Chang Chi Tung, who may be regarded as the second star in the Chinese firmament, and to a certain extent the rival of the Northern Viceroy. Whatever may be said of his motives, there can be no doubt that our recent neighbour, the late Viceroy of the Two Kwang, was a man of energy and intelligence, and, in his own way, a reformer. It may be that the desire to keep out the foreigner was his chief motive in adopting many of the reforms and inventions and improvements. But good sometimes comes out of evil; and if we find evidence of good work, we need not trouble ourselves very much in analysing motives. The mind, the budding scheme, which we hear, is pretty sure to be carried out, the Grand College for the Two Kwang provinces, and the Torpedo school at Whampoa are some of the legacies that he has left to his successor. And, just before he left, he is said to have fixed on Whampoa as the seat of an institution for the teaching of modern sciences. Unfortunately the heavy task of memorial writing and the hurry of departure seem to have prevented him from completing the arrangements for this last scheme. Already two of the professors have arrived, Mr. J. J. Francis, and Mr. Groom, who is to lecture on Botany, and Professors of Chemistry and Geology are to follow from England. But they are teachers without disciples, without even a college wherein to lecture, and as they are ignorant of the Chinese language it is difficult at the present moment to discover how their services can be profitably utilized. Perhaps the present Viceroy may be able to complete the work which Chang left unfinished.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

PASSED SUBS. CANAL.
OUTWARD BOUND:—Shakapara, 20; New Guinea, 24; Galleys of Lorne, 10; Phoenix, 14; Ajax, 17; Albany, 21; Ningbo, 24; Koro, 24.
HOMEBWARD BOUND:—Polythymia, Jan. 10; Olinthina, 14; Jason, 17; Monmouth, 21; Aglaia, 24; Pathan, 24; Antenor, 24.
The Canadian Pacific s.s. *Farfield* left Vancouver for Japan, &c., on the 21st Jan.
The Glen Line steamship *Glenora*, from London and Antwerp, left Singapore on Jan. 30, and may be expected here on or about the 5th Feb.
The O. S. S. Co.'s s.s. *Cypriote*, from Liverpool, left Singapore on the 30th Jan., and may be expected here on or about the 6th Feb.
The s.s. *Strathgairn*, from New York, left Singapore on Jan. 29, and may be expected here on or about Feb. 6.
The s.s. *Japan*, with mails, &c., from Calcutta, left Singapore on 3rd February, and may be expected here on or about the 10th Feb.
The O. S. S. Co.'s steamer *Falmouth*, from Liverpool, left Singapore on the 5th Feb., and may be expected here on or about the 11th Feb.
The s.s. *Tartar*, from Liverpool, &c., left Singapore for this port on the 5th Feb., and may be expected here on or about the 11th Feb.
The P. & O. Co.'s extra steamer *Bombay* left Singapore on the 5th Feb., and may be expected here on or about the 11th Feb.
The P. & O. Co.'s extra steamer *Thetis* left Bombay for this port on the 1st Jan.

MESSRS. ADAMSON, BELL & CO. inform us that the steamer *Tartar*, from Liverpool, &c., left Singapore this afternoon, for Hongkong.
MESSRS. BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE inform us that the O. S. S. Co.'s steamer *Falmouth*, from Liverpool, left Singapore for this port this afternoon, and is due here on the 11th inst.
A REMARKABLE Michael McCarthy was fined two dollars by Mr. Wodehouse to-day, with the alternative of 14 days imprisonment, for assaulting two of the crew of an American ship in the London Hotel yesterday.
THE libel suit *Brandt v. Fraser Smith*, which was to have come before Acting Chief Justice Fielding Clarke and a Special Jury to-morrow, has, on the application of the defendant, been postponed for a week.
THE Superintendent of the P. & O. Co. informs us that the Company's extra steamer *Bombay* left Singapore for this port to-day, at 11 a.m.; and the steamer *Thetis* left Bombay for this port on Saturday, the 1st inst., at 8 p.m.
IN giving the personnel of the Spanish Consulate, the local directories have omitted the name of, and the post held by, Dr. M. R. Escudero, Vice-Consul for Spain in Hongkong; and he desires us to draw attention to the fact, with the view of avoiding any misconceptions or mistakes that might possibly arise from the omission of his name.
TOX Choi and Chan Chung, richly clothed in the employ of Mr. S. V. Ramjee, broker, were here at before Mr. Wodehouse in the Police Court to-day on a charge of driving their vehicle in a furious manner and injuring a coolie named Leung Chai, in Wing Lok Street. The complaint being in hospital, suffering from a severe wound in the head, the case was remanded.

MR. J. J. FRANCIS, Q.C., delivered a lecture in the Chamber of Commerce Room this afternoon, on Borneo and its future. There was a large attendance. Mr. Francis said that, during his recent two-months' visit to Borneo, he had taken all the opportunities that offered to obtain reliable information regarding the prospects of tobacco-planting there, and, knowing that many in Hongkong were interested in the subject, he had much pleasure in acquiescing to the suggestion that he should give an account of what he had seen and heard during his visit. After describing the work which requires to be done in opening up an estate, and in growing tobacco and preparing it for the market, Mr. Francis, in summing up his remarks, said he was personally convinced from what he saw that the cultivation of tobacco was likely to be a success, and a very great success, in Borneo. There were all the essentials for making it successful, and it was simply a question of management, and to some extent of luck, whether a tobacco estate prospered or not. He had endeavoured to point out the necessary very slow process which the opening up of an estate must be in such a country and under such circumstances as exist at present, and how long a time must elapse from the opening up of an estate till the first crop is got and put on the market; but he did not think there was any reason for discouragement in the fact that he had not before him, in Borneo, nor even in eighteen months, as he was afraid some of them might have been led at the commencement to hope, but dividends would not certainly be realised in two or three years at the latest, and it appeared to him that they must be extremely handsome dividends. It was perfectly certain that with tobacco culture a success in Borneo, everything else must follow in its train. On the motion of Mr. A. P. Stokes, a vote of thanks was passed to Mr. Francis for his lecture.

THREE arrived to-day, from Hamburg and ports of call, the new D. D. R. steamer *Kriemhild*. The vessel, which was built by Messrs C. S. Swan and Hunter, Wallsend, is 335 feet long over all, 39 feet broad, and 25 feet 9 inches deep moulded, and is built on the three-deck rule to Lloyd's highest class, with spare gear and the German Government requirements for passenger steamers. All weather decks are of oak, two steel decks being also provided for strength, with cellular double bottom throughout. Along, full port is fitted with very handsome accommodation for first-class passengers, including an elegantly-fitted smoking-room in white marble by the Electric Court Marble works, a large number of staterooms, and ladies' large bath, &c. A long bridgehouse amidships covers all officers' berths, &c. A very large galley is fitted, which may be used for first-class passengers and emigrants, and the officers' mess-room is large enough to accommodate a large number of passengers when the vessel is carrying troops. A long fore-and-aft forecastle is also fitted with accommodation for native crews, with steam heaters, lavatories, and patent direct steam heating apparatus. The electric light is also fitted all over the vessel, including large cargo lights. The 'tween decks forward is intended for carrying emigrants or troops, and contains extra large staterooms, ice cellar, &c. The engines and boilers have been built by the Wallsend Shipyard and Engineering Company (Limited), of Wallsend, and are 27 inches, 44 inches, and 71 inches diameter by 18 inches stroke. They are driven from two large double-ended steel boilers, with a working pressure of 160 lb. per square inch. The vessel has an average mean speed of 10½ knots.

I HEAR, writes a London correspondent, that a report of the Parnell Commission will condemn strongly the conduct of the managers of *The Times* in accepting and publishing the forged letters without adequate inquiry into their genuineness.
THE Amban was to reach Darjeeling on the 7th Jan., to meet Mr. Hart. The Sikkim-Tibet question is now practically settled, and the terms of the agreement between England and China only remain to be formulated.—*Pioneer*.
THE Burma telegrams announce the capture of Bo Ho Te in the Sagan district. This is the man who set himself on fire last year, and he was one of the few devils still at large with any name among the countrymen. The capture therefore is an important one.
ON and after January 1st a new line of steamers will run between Antwerp and the East Indies—Madras and Calcutta. A very fine fleet of steamers have been acquired by the Clyde for this service. These vessels have an average tonnage of between four and five thousand deadweight, and are fitted with the finest engines and the latest improvements in loading and discharging gear. The well-known firm of Fraser and Menzies are the Antwerp agents.—*M. & C. Mail*, Dec. 27th.
THE World is responsible for the appended paragraph.—From all accounts Sir Charles Warren did not reach Singapore a moment too soon. Let us hope the Straits give the worst possible account of the local defence, and General Warren has had his work set to get them into any kind of order. It is fortunate for the British Chief Commissioner of Police was available to undertake a duty fraught with difficulties which these sitting at home can scarcely realise and appreciate.
THE Daily Courant reports favourably on the 1889 tobacco crop. As regards quantity, the opinion is that it is just as large as the crop of 1888. The average yield per acre is above 7½ pounds per acre, and the quantity is expected to reach a total of 100,000 bales. A large portion of the tobacco is of the 'Holland' and 'Holland' type, which has been caused by the epidemic rain during the 1889 season. An earlier shipment than in former years is also expected, in fact the first shipment has already taken place.

A TELEGRAM from Belgrade confirms the report that the Serbian police, by order of the Government, have suppressed several lodges of the Grand Orient Freemasons at Niash; the brethren were sitting in spots, when the police entered and cleared the hall in the most unceremonious manner.

THE latest returns of the British regular forces at home and abroad, as now collected at the War Office, show that during the last twelve months the number of troops immediately under the control of the Commander-in-Chief has to some extent declined. The diminution, however, is not serious in comparison with the strength of twelve months ago, amounting only to about 1,000 men, being about 210,000 officers and men on the rolls to compare with 211,000 towards the end of 1888. The full establishment would be 214,000, but this has been barely if ever much more nearly approached than during the last two years; and the 210,000 is a greater total by nearly 10,000 than that of four years ago.

THE Straits Times says:—Influences were prevalent at Hongkong by last advice. This is certainly true to us in Hongkong, and we cannot believe it true. On the other hand, the Straits Times says:—The Bombay papers contain paragraphs alleging that there were sixteen cases of influenza on board the s.s. *St. Paul*, and a Peking newspaper contains a sensational article on the subject. A reporter to investigate into the matter, and the medical officer assured him that the ship had a clean bill of health. After leaving Brindisi there were one or two cases of what gave symptoms of influenza, but the doctor on board recovered. We do not know of any pleasure in contradicting rumours which are incorrect.

IN the course of a description of the trip of the Straits Times to Hongkong, one of the special correspondents of the Straits Times, writing from the only Auctioneer, and a formidable fast bowler, then opened a newspaper for the highest individual score on our side during the trip. There were 25 subscribers at \$2 each and the total was \$50. The total was \$167. The blanks were filled by the names of the local and visiting celebrities and the proud donors of W. G. Grace, Mr. Justice Goldney, Henry Strickland, Tommy Twizell and the Goutel Penner were loudly congratulated. The highest price paid for a Birch 312, Hornby and Latchford \$11 each and Stewart \$10.

THE wealth of the United States is increasing with fabulous rapidity, and has quadrupled since 1850, and has doubled since 1870. In 1850 the assessed value of the Republic was \$2,287,013,148, and the actual wealth \$12,622,499,739. In 1880 the former had risen to a total of \$27,719,000,000, and the latter to \$143,000,000,000. In the decade of 1870 to 1880 the increase was \$20,432,000,000, and in the decade of 1880 to 1890 the increase was \$16,281,000,000. In the decade of 1890 to 1900 the increase was \$16,281,000,000. In the decade of 1900 to 1910 the increase was \$16,281,000,000. In the decade of 1910 to 1920 the increase was \$16,281,000,000. In the decade of 1920 to 1930 the increase was \$16,281,000,000. In the decade of 1930 to 1940 the increase was \$16,281,000,000. In the decade of 1940 to 1950 the increase was \$16,281,000,000. In the decade of 1950 to 1960 the increase was \$16,281,000,000. In the decade of 1960 to 1970 the increase was \$16,281,000,000. In the decade of 1970 to 1980 the increase was \$16,281,000,000. In the decade of 1980 to 1990 the increase was \$16,281,000,000. In the decade of 1990 to 2000 the increase was \$16,281,000,000. In the decade of 2000 to 2010 the increase was \$16,281,000,000. In the decade of 2010 to 2020 the increase was \$16,281,000,000. In the decade of 2020 to 2030 the increase was \$16,281,000,000. In the decade of 2030 to 2040 the increase was \$16,281,000,000. In the decade of 2040 to 2050 the increase was \$16,281,000,000. In the decade of 2050 to 2060 the increase was \$16,281,000,000. In the decade of 2060 to 2070 the increase was \$16,281,000,000. In the decade of 2070 to 2080 the increase was \$16,281,000,000. In the decade of 2080 to 2090 the increase was \$16,281,000,000. In the decade of 2090 to 2100 the increase was \$16,281,000,000.

THE London correspondent of the *Ceylon Observer* writes:—During the course of my inquiries in the City this week, I have been struck by the effect that a 'very big thing' in connection with your island may be expected to see the light very shortly. Indeed, the affair has been mentioned to me as something altogether gigantic in its financial proportions. It is a Company of a similar character which it is now said is to be brought out for dealing with Ceylon and the East generally, though to your island is to be given the name of public good with this matter as yet is that of Mr. Murray Robertson, but it has been mentioned as the work of the chief promoter. No definite has been given to the communications made as yet to me on this topic, and indeed, I should be surprised if the scheme is not sufficiently advanced for this to have been possible; but there seems to be some probability that by the time of next writing so much of advance will have been made as to justify the communication to some of the leading papers in the country. The *Norfolk* states that the plantations on the Black Sea coast between Batum and Sukhum Kaloh are assuming the appearance of regular tea-gardens. However, tea-growing is now going on in the Caucasus, as half a century ago it was in the public garden of Sukhum Kaloh. Prince Erichow exhibited at the recent exhibition at Tiflis a tree 40 years old and Colonel Solovtsov exhibited other five years old. All these were in the most flourishing condition, and the *Norfolk* states that the plantations on the Black Sea coast between Batum and Sukhum Kaloh are assuming the appearance of regular tea-gardens. 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